

# City of Morgantown

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING June 30, 2020

To protect public health during the COVID-19 pandemic, personal attendance at the meeting was not permitted. When it was time, the public participated by videoconference at the following link: <https://cityofmorgantown.mv.webex.com/meet/cityofmorgantown> with meeting number (access code) 793 734 477, or by calling in at the following number 408-418-9388 and using the access code 793 734 477. All members of the public could view the meeting on Channel 15 or by streaming hosted on the City's website at [www.morgantownwv.gov](http://www.morgantownwv.gov). Any person who wished to speak at the meeting completed a form at <http://morgantownwv.gov/FormCenter/Public-Comment-Sign-Up-Sheet-14/Public-Comment-Morgantown-City-Council-M-66> or provided their name, phone number used to participate, and the topic on which they would like to speak by texting 304-288-0847 or texting 304-288-7072. They could sign up to speak at any time until the meeting began. Additionally, the public could submit written comments for the public portion of the meeting by sending written comments via email to the City Clerk at [cwade@morgantownwv.gov](mailto:cwade@morgantownwv.gov). In the email, they used the subject line "Public Comment 06/30/2020" and indicated in the body of the email if they would like their comment read aloud during the public portion of the meeting.

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Morgantown was held by via Webex on Tuesday, June 30, 2020, at 7:10 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Interim City Manager Emily Muzzarelli via telephone, Via Webex City Attorney Ryan Simonton, Mayor William A. Kawecki, Deputy Mayor Rachel Fetty, Council Members Zack Cruze, Jenny Selin, Ron Dulaney, Dave Harshbarger, and Barry Wendell.

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Fetty.

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

**1. Proclamation for Morgantown Police Chief Ed Preston; Proclamation for Code Enforcement Officer Mark Trump, Sr.**

Deputy Mayor Rachel Fetty presented Police Chief Ed Preston and long-time city employee Mark Trump, Sr. with proclamations. Chief Preston was recognized for his years of service as he embarks in a new career, and Mark Trump Sr. was recognized also for his years of services as he retires.

**2. Morgantown Police Department Crowd Control Response – Interim Chief Eric Powell**

Interim Police Chief Eric Powell presented to council the standard procedures that Morgantown Police Department takes for crowd control to ensure the safety of residents and property.

**3. Resolution on Affirming and Strengthening Community Policing – Don Spencer Human Rights Commission**

No presentation was given on behalf of The Human Rights Commission. They will be presenting at a future meeting.

### **PUBLIC PORTION:**

Deputy Mayor Fetty opened the public portion and asked if there was anyone wishing to speak.

Mollie Kennedy expressed the importance of including community members that are impacted by decisions being made to be included in the decision-making process.

Jerry Carr offered advice on how issues of racism and police apprehension in Morgantown can be addressed from the Morgantown Police Department and city's standpoint. Jerry also expressed the importance of making citizens feel safe and addressing the issues that have increased attention following the death of George Floyd.

Robert Cohen expressed the need for eliminating institutional racism in Morgantown and in the Morgantown Police Department.

During this portion City Council created a Special Committee pursuant to City Code section 121.25 et seq. to study a citizens' review board for the police department, as requested by the local chapter of NAACP and proposed by the City's Human Rights Commission. The Special Committee members are Zack Cruze (chair), Deputy Mayor Rachel Fetty (vice chair), and Mayor Kawecki (ex-officio).

There being no one else wishing to speak, Deputy Mayor Fetty closed the Public Portion.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

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**1. An Ordinance amending Section 1329.02 and Chapter 1331 and establishing Article 1358 the Wiles Hill Gateway Overlay District of the City of Morgantown Planning and Zoning Code**

Director of Development Services Chris Fletcher explained that approval of this ordinance would reclassify 18 parcels from a R-2, Single- and Two-Family Residential District to R-3, Multi-Family Residential District. After discussion, this item was moved to July 7, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda.

**2. An Ordinance amending Article 919 governing Addressing and Mapping Standards**

Interim City Manager Emily explained that approval of this ordinance would allow code to be consistent with the county and state ordinance on addressing and mapping standards. After discussion, this item was moved to the July 7, 2020, Regular Meeting Agenda.

**3. An Ordinance authorizing a Deed to RDR Properties transferring property at the Morgantown Municipal Airport**

City Attorney Ryan Simonton explained that approval of this ordinance would allow transfer of property at the airport to satisfy a previous agreement. This item was moved to the July 7, 2020, Regular Meeting agenda.

**4. Discussion of Juneteenth beginning June 19, 2021, and moving forward**

Interim City Manager Emily Muzzarelli explained that the city received a request from a citizen to recognize Juneteenth as a city holiday. After discussion, this item was moved to the July 28, 2020, Committee of the Whole Meeting agenda.

**5. City Council Elections and Terms of Office**

Interim City Manager Emily Muzzarelli explained that council is exploring options for changing the terms of office for council members. After discussion, this item was moved to a future agenda.

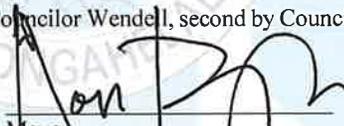
**6. May 2020 Monthly General Fund Finance Report and Detailed Budget Report**

Interim City Manager Emily Muzzarelli updated council on the May 2020 budget and general fund. No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, motion by Councilor Wendell, second by Councilor Dulaney, to adjourn the meeting. Time: 9:48 p.m.

  
City Clerk

  
Mayor